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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of
Mitsuji Akazawa
Serial No.: 08/226,875
Filed: April 13, 1994
Title: EXTERNAL ANTIINFLAMMATORY AND
ANALGESIC PLASTER

Group: 1502

Examiner: D. Phelan

PREPARATION )

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



Responsive to the Office Action dated November 3, 1994, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims/1-4

Please add claims 5-8 as follows:

An external anti-inflammatory and analgesic plaster preparation comprising a salt of diclofenac, 2[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)amino]benzene-acetic acid and a cyclic

organic base as an active ingredient, said cyclic organic base comprising hydroxyethylpyrrolidine or hydroxyethylpiperidine, a pH adjuster and optionally, pharmaceutically acceptable thickening agents, humectants, fillers, preservatives and cross-linking agents, wherein a pH value of said preparation is adjusted to a range of 7.3 to 9.0.

The external plaster preparation of claim 5 wherein the pH value of the preparation is within a range of 7.5 to 8.5.

34. A process for producing an external anti-inflammatory and analgesic plaster preparation, comprising subjecting a composition comprising a salt of diclofenac,

